

In 1994, for his "commitment to free enterprise, limited government, traditional American values and strong National Defense," Albert Johnson received the Medal of Freedom from the National Republican Senatorial Campaign Committee thereby joining the ranks of other distinguished recipients of that award, including former President Ronald Reagan, former British Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher and Retired General Norman Schwarzkopf.

Recently, I have been advised that Mr. Johnson has embarked on a new undertaking that features a joint venture whose mission is to build 20,000 private homes in Kabul, Afghanistan, using imported capital, local Afghanistan labor and materials, and fully funded mortgage loans with no down payment and long-term rates to assist that country in developing their infrastructure. This sounds like a daunting task. Nevertheless, Albert Johnson of Nashville has a track record to suggest he is the right man for the job.

There is very little that Mr. Johnson, an embodiment of American values, has not been able to achieve. To the extent that his ongoing efforts foster stability and peace in strife torn Afghanistan, I wish him well.●

RECOGNIZING THE AMERICAN HUMANE ASSOCIATION'S 125th ANNIVERSARY

● Mr. ALLARD. Mr. President, animals and small children do not have an adequate voice to speak for themselves. They often cannot tell a parent or an owner that they don't like what they are doing or let them know that they are unhappy or in pain. That is why organizations that aid such vulnerable members of our society are so important. For this reason, I rise today to recognize the American Humane Association.

Today marks the 125th anniversary of the founding of that organization. I could not be more proud to report that the American Humane Association, a Colorado organization, has made a solid career of furthering the welfare of children and animals.

The American Humane Association is the only organization in the country that is dedicated to the protection and support of both animals and children. They have organized events such as Be Kind to Pets Week and Tag Day, to educate the public about the need to treat animals humanely and the need to be sure that pets can be easily identified if they are lost, to the Front Porch Project, a program to educate the public on how to protect children in their communities from abuse. American Humane also works to educate the public about the link between violence to people and violence to animals.

For 125 years, the American Humane Association has worked, through programs such as these and others, to assure that the interest and well-being of children and animals are fully, effec-

tively, and humanely guaranteed. I, for one, am grateful to the American Humane Association for the work that they do, and have done, and wish them another 125 years of success.●

REPORT ENTITLED "CONTINUED PRODUCTION OF THE NAVAL PETROLEUM RESERVES BEYOND APRIL 5, 2003"—PM 115

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the following message from the President of the United States, together with an accompanying report; which was referred to the Committee on Armed Services:

To the Congress of the United States:

In accordance with section 201(3) of the Naval Petroleum Reserves Production Act of 1976 (10 U.S.C. 7422(c)(2)), I am informing you of my decision to extend the period of production of the Naval Petroleum Reserves for a period of 3 years from April 5, 2003, the expiration date of the currently authorized period of production.

Enclosed is a copy of the report investigating the necessity of continued production of the reserves as required by section 201(3)(c)(2)(B) of the Naval Petroleum Reserves Production Act of 1976. In light of the findings contained in the report, I certify that continued production from the Naval Petroleum Reserves is in the national interest.

GEORGE W. BUSH.

THE WHITE HOUSE, October 9, 2002.

MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE

At 1:20 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mr. Hays, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House has passed the following bills and joint resolution, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.R. 3580. An act to amend the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act to make improvements in the regulation of medical devices, and for other purposes.

H.R. 5422. An act to prevent child abduction, and for other purposes.

H.R. 5542. An act to consolidate all black lung benefit responsibility under a single official, and for other purposes.

H.R. 5557. An act to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide a special rule for members of the uniformed services and Foreign Service in determining the exclusion of gain from the sale of a principal residence and to restore the tax exempt status of death gratuity payments to members of the uniformed services, and for other purposes.

H.J. Res. 113. A joint resolution recognizing the contributions of Patsy Takemoto Mink.

The message also announced that the House has passed the following bill, with an amendment:

S. 2690. An act to reaffirm the reference to one Nation under God in the Pledge of Allegiance.

MEASURE READ THE FIRST TIME

The following bill was read the first time:

H.R. 5427. An act to designate the Federal building located at Fifth and Richardson Avenues in Roswell, New Mexico, as the "Joe Skeen Federal Building".

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following reports of committees were submitted:

By Mr. KERRY, from the Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship, without amendment:

H.R. 2666: A bill to amend the Small Business Act to direct the Administrator of the Small Business Administration to establish a vocational and technical entrepreneurship development program. (Rept. No. 107-307).

By Mr. KERRY, from the Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship, with an amendment:

S. 2483: A bill to amend the Small Business Act to direct the Administrator of the Small Business Administration to establish a pilot program to provide regulatory compliance assistance to small business concerns, and for other purposes. (Rept. No. 107-308).

EXECUTIVE REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following executive reports of committees were submitted:

By Mr. LIEBERMAN for the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

*Tony Hammond, of Virginia, to be a Commissioner of the Postal Rate Commission for the remainder of the term expiring October 14, 2004.

*Ruth Y. Goldway, of California, to be a Commissioner of the Postal Rate Commission for the term expiring November 22, 2008.

By Mr. KENNEDY for the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

*Mark B. McClellan, of the District of Columbia, to be Commissioner of Food and Drugs, Department of Health and Human Services.

By Mr. INOUE for the Committee on Indian Affairs.

*Quannah Crossland Stamps, of Virginia, to be Commissioner of the Administration for Native Americans, Department of Health and Human Services.

*Philp N. Hogen, of South Dakota, to be Chairman of the National Indian Gaming Commission for the term of three years.

*Nomination was reported with recommendation that it be confirmed subject to the nominee's commitment to respond to requests to appear and testify before any duly constituted committee of the Senate.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS

The following bills and joint resolutions were introduced, read the first and second times by unanimous consent, and referred as indicated:

By Mr. FRIST (for himself and Mr. KENNEDY):

S. 3083. A bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to extend the Advisory Council on Graduate Medical Education; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. FRIST:

S. 3084. A bill to provide for the conduct of a study concerning health services research; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. LEVIN (for himself and Ms. STABENOW):